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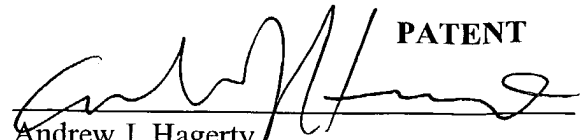


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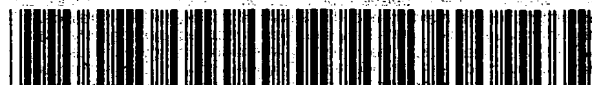
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- ☒ An Amendment Responsive to the Office Action Dated May 30, 2003.
- ☐ An Amendment Supplemental to the Paper filed
- ☐ A Substitute Specification (pages 1 -) in clean form.
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